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SUBJECT: BALUCHISTAN: GOP APRIL 14 INITIATIVE TO AMELIORATE
POLITICAL SITUATION

REF: (A) KARACHI 0534 (NOTAL) (B) ISLAMABAD 3431 (NOTAL)

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SUMMARY: GOP PRESS NOTE RELEASED EVENING APRIL 14 STATED
RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER IN BALUCHISTAN
TO REVERT TO CIVIL ADMINISTRATION MAY 15 AND "...PRIME
MINISTER HAS FURTHER DECIDED TO GRANT AMNESTY TO ALL
PERSONS DETAINED WITHIN PROVINCE WHO ARE NOT IMPLICATED
IN CASES OF A SERIOUS CRIMINAL NATURE". NAP REACTION
TO THIS INITIATIVE MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO FORMULATE AND
EVEN THEN MAY FAIL PROVIDE CLEAR INDICATION WHETHER
BHUTTO'S INITIATIVE LIKELY TO BE FOLLOWED BY SUBSTANTIVE
DEVELOPMENTS, OR REMAIN LIMITED TO UNILATERAL CENTRAL
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GOVERNMENT COSMETIC EXERCISE. END SUMMARY.

1. GOP PRESS NOTE: FOLLOWING TWO DAYS OF SESSIONS IN RAWALPINDI APRIL 13-14, GROUP OF PROVINCIAL AND CENTRAL MINISTERS UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO ANNOUNCED RESULTS OF ITS DELIBERATIONS IN PRESS NOTE RELEASED IN RAWALPINDI EVENING APRIL 14. PRESS NOTE BEGAN WITH OBSERVATIONS THAT IT WAS BALUCHISTAN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED MILITARY ASSISTANCE BECAUSE OF PECULIARLY UNDERDEVELOPED CONDITIONS IN PROVINCE. NOTE GOES ON TO OBSERVE TASK OF RESTORING TRANQUILITY HAS BEEN LARGELY ACCOMPLISHED AND THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT IN LAW AND ORDER SITUATION, AND THAT "...PRIME MINISTER HAS DECIDED THAT FROM 15 MAY, ALL MILITARY OPERATIONS IN AID OF CIVIL POWER IN BALUCHISTAN WILL CEASE. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER WILL THENCEFORTH REST IN CIVIL ADMINISTRATION". HOWEVER, ARMY WILL NOT CEASE ITS CIVIL ACTION EFFORTS, I.E. ROAD CONSTRUCTION, WELL DIGGING, CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOLS, AND ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES IN REMOTE AREAS, UNTIL THESE FUNCTIONS CAN BE TAKEN OVER BY APPROPRIATE CIVIL AGENCIES. IN ADDITION, PRIME MINISTER HAS DECIDED TO GRANT AMNESTY TO ALL PERSONS DETAINED WITHIN THE PROVINCE WHO ARE NOT IMPLICATED IN CASES OF A SERIOUS CRIMINAL NATURE". ALSO, THOSE NOT INVOLVED IN SERIOUS CRIMES WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR HOMES (I.E. RECALCITRANTS IN THE HILLS) ARE INVITED TO RETURN AND FEEL ASSURED OF PROTECTION. THESE MEASURES DESCRIBED AS FIRST STEPS TOWARD CONVENING NEW CHAPTER IN LIFE OF BALUCHISTAN WHICH PROMISES SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN THE PROVINCE.

2. NAP CENTRAL WORKING COMMITTEE EXTENDS ITS DELIBERATIONS: IT ALSO ANNOUNCED EVENING APRIL 14 THAT CONCURRENT, BUT SEPARATE, AND AS FAR AS WE KNOW, NOT DIRECTLY INTERRELATED, MEETING OF NAP CENTRAL WORKING COMMITTEE IN ISLAMABAD HAS DECIDED EXTEND SPECIAL SESSION FOR A DAY TO CONSIDER GOP'S ANNOUNCEMENT. NAP SPOKESMAN TOLD REPORTERS NEWS OF GOVERNMENTS' ANNOUNCEMENT ARRIVED IN MIDST OF WORKING COMMITTEE'S SESSION RESULTING IN DEFERMENT GROUP'S CONSIDERATION OF BALUCHISTAN RESOLUTION DRAFTED EARLIER. NAP SPOKESMAN OPINED ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT IN ABSENCE OF DETAINED BALU-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHISTAN NAP LEADERS IT LIKELY TO BE DIFFICULT FOR PARTY TO TAKE POSITIVE DECISION IN REGARD GOVERNMENT OFFERS OF COOPERATION TO RESOLVE BALUCHISTAN SITUATION. ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN PREVIOUS RUMORS WALI KHAN EXPECTED RETURN FROM EUROPE IN TIME PARTICIPATE IN CENTRAL WORKING COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS, THERE NO WORD WALI HAS YET RETURNED TO PAKISTAN.

3. SIDELIGHT ON BALUCHISTAN ASSEMBLY MAJORITY: SUBSEQUENT

TO REFTEL A, APRIL 7 CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER ANNULLED
BYE-ELECTION TO FILL GUL KHAN NASIR'S SEAT (REFTEL B).
BYE-ELECTION RESULT SET ASIDE ON BASIS OF ELECTION COMMISSION'S
DECISION CONVICTION OF GUL KHAN ILLEGAL, WITHOUT
LAWFUL AUTHORITY AND OF NO LEGAL EFFECT. IT LIKELY THIS
DEVELOPMENT REOPENED QUESTION OF WHICH GROUP CONTROLLED
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY MAJORITY, PARTICULARLY IF ELECTION
COMMISSION'S DECISION VIEWED AS PRECEDENT WHICH MIGHT BE
FOLLOWED IN THE OTHER TWO ASSEMBLY SEATS WHICH HAVE FALLEN
TO PPP IN RECENT BYE-ELECTIONS (REFTEL A).

4. GOVERNMENT PAPER GOOFS: IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE ERROR
ON PART OF SLEEPY NIGHT EDITOR, KARACHI NATIONAL PRESS
TRUST PAPER, "MORNING NEWS", APRIL 15 CARRIED BANNER HEAD-
LINED "POLITICAL SETTLEMENT ON BALUCHISTAN -- ARMY ACTION
TO END TODAY". ALL OTHER KARACHI PAPERS WERE SUFFICIENTLY
ALERT TO NOTE DATE FOR PROPOSED MODIFICATION ARMY'S ROLE
IN BALUCHISTAN WAS MAY 15, NOT APRIL 14.

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5. COMMENT: AT BEST IF WOULD APPEAR BHUTTO HAS PUT FORWARD AN INITIATIVE DESIGNED TO PUT BALL IN NAP GROUP'S COURT. REAL IMPACT APRIL 14 ANNOUNCEMENT DIFFICULT TO ASSESS SINCE AMNESTY AFFORDED APPEARS BEST DESCRIBED AS LIMITED AND FINESSES ISSUE OF DETENTION OF MENGAL, MARRI AND BIZENJO. CAVEAT THAT MILITARY TO CONTINUE ITS CIVIL ACTION ACTIVITIES IN REMOTE AREAS OF PROVINCE SUGGESTS THAT MILITARY WILL REMAIN ACTIVE IN MARRI AREA SINCE IT UNLIKELY TO ENTRUST PROTECTION OF ITS CIVIL ACTION GROUPS SOLELY TO CIVILIAN-DIRECTED LAW AND ORDER FORCES. EVEN THOUGH ARMY SUPPOSEDLY TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM ITS LAW AND ORDER ROLE, THIS RESPONSIBILITY, NO DOUBT, LIKELY TO BE PICKED UP BY PARAMILITARY GROUPS SUCH AS SCOUTS, ARMED POLICE AND FEDERAL SECURITY FORCE, WHICH IN GENERAL, MORE RESPONSIVE TO ORDERS FROM CENTRAL THAN PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO NOTED THAT "NUMBER OF POLITICAL AGENCIES HAVE BEEN SET UP IN THE TRIBAL AREAS AND THEIR PERSONNEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INSTALLED". CURRENTLY WE ONLY AWARE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL AGENCY IN MARRI-BUGTI AREA (REF C), IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUSLY EXISTING AGENCIES IN ZHOB AND LORALAI. GENERAL PRACTICE IN PAST HAS BEEN THAT POLITICAL AGENCIES ARE RUN DIRECTLY BY CENTER NOT THE PROVINCE.

7. JUST WHAT NAP RESPONSE WILL BE BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 15, IS UNCERTAIN AND A GOOD DEAL OF BACKSTAGE MANEUVERING CAN BE EXPECTED. HOWEVER, UNLESS NAP LEADERSHIP HAS RECENTLY HAD CHANGE OF HEART, CURRENT GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE WOULD APPEAR EXTREMELY LIMITED GROUNDS ON WHICH TO ENLIST THEIR PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION IN NEW POLITICAL SCENARIO IN BALUCHISTAN.

8. TEXT OF PRESS NOTE BEING POUCHED ADDRESSEES.
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